

# CTE in Wisconsin



The Wisconsin economy is experiencing a skills gap...

**55%** of jobs in Wisconsin require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

**48%** of Wisconsin workers are trained at this level.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Wisconsin's key industries, like:

- aerospace manufacturing
- biohealth
- energy, power and control
- food and beverage



Wisconsin's State-Certified Cooperative Education Programs provide paid work experience with mentorship for high school CTE juniors and seniors.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Wisconsin, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2019-20 school year, Wisconsin had:

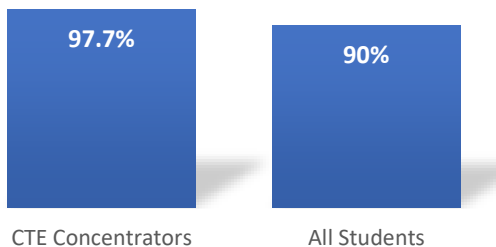
**84,309**

secondary CTE participants

**80,767**

postsecondary CTE participants

These youth and adult learners in CTE programs are more engaged, graduate high school at higher rates, earn industry-recognized credentials, and have rewarding and family-sustaining careers.



**Four-year cohort graduation rate in Wisconsin (2017-18)**

**33,609**

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Wisconsin (2019-20)



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Wisconsin to ensure that all learners, including historically underserved learners, have access to high-quality CTE programs in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand career fields.

**CTE: Good for Students, Good for Business, Good for Communities!**

**FY 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Wisconsin**

**\$23,628,161**